

Going Beyond Morality

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Sadhguru:

Shankaran Pillai was a very good man. After a brief illness, he died. Being a good man, he naturally went to heaven. At heaven, the angels welcomed him and then opened his account book. You know, they keep accounts of everything there. As they turned pages they found only good deeds, cover to cover. This caused a little confusion among the angels. They came to Shankaran Pillai and said, “Mr. Pillai, there is a little problem. We have various types of accommodation in heaven. For one bad deed, you get the highest level of heaven. For two bad deeds, the next level. Three bad deeds – the one below that. In this way, there are many levels of heaven. But for no bad deeds, there is no

accommodation here. We have never received a man like you until now, without a single bad deed. So we don't know what to do with you."

"What nonsense," said Shankaran Pillai. "I was such a good man in the world, nobody wanted to come anywhere near me. I only lived with the hope of going to heaven. And now, there is a problem here as well?"

The angels met amongst themselves and after a discussion they said, "Don't you worry Mr. Pillai. We have found a solution. We are giving you three extra hours life. Your body is still intact, anyway. You go back and commit just one bad deed. We will then place you in the highest heaven. Nothing is lost."

And lo, he became alive once more. He sat up and began to think of ways to commit a bad deed. He had never committed one before. An hour-and-a-half later, he suddenly realized that there was a woman well past her prime in the neighborhood, who had been casting inviting glances at him. Being a good man, he never looked her way. Now he thought, "Okay, adultery is a bad deed." So he went to the lady's house and knocked on the door. As she opened it, Shankaran Pillai said, "I want you."

"Why Mr. Pillai, they told me just yesterday evening that you were on your death bed. What is this?" she said.

"It doesn't matter, I want you," said Shankaran Pillai, and he went in. Whatever he lacked in practice, he made it up with his enthusiasm to go to heaven. Nature took over and things happened. Now, he looked at his watch, time ticking away. He didn't want to die in her house. So he began to leave in a hurry. "I need to go. I need to go," he said.

He rushed to the door and the lady came to see him off. As he was leaving, the woman said, "Mr. Pillai, do you know what a good deed you have done for me today?"

One more good deed. If you are too good, you will neither make it here nor there. Your goodness always comes in comparing yourself with somebody or something isn't it? How do you certify yourself as a good person? You look at others – he's not okay, she's not okay – compared to all these people, I am a good person. If you have to be really good, you have to make everybody else in the world bad. Please see, those who think they are very good in their minds, nobody is okay in their opinion. Have you noticed this?

If nobody is okay in the world to you, it is not a question of goodness; it just means you are sick in your head. Your goodness is just a kind of madness. Maybe it is needed to keep some balance in society sometimes, but not for your evolution. Your morality will not evolve you. Right now, you are being good with great difficulty. You are holding on to your ethics, because you have no consciousness. You picked up ethics from outside – your society, your religion or your profession. If you begin to recognize life and respond to life, you would find that you do not need morals. You would just know how to be. You would simply be incapable of doing anything harmful. You would not hold back or control yourself just because somebody told you this is the way you must be. The very way you are, there would be no question of harm. It wouldn't exist in you. Effortlessly, you could be good.

Modern science has proved to us beyond a doubt that everything in the existence is one energy, manifesting itself in millions of forms. Or in other words you and I are the same energy. Suppose for one moment, you actually experienced within yourself that all the people around you are actually a part of you. Not in thought, but an actual experience, just like you experience the ten fingers of your hands. If this happens, do I need to teach you morality and ethics? Do I need to tell you not to harm this person, not to kill this person, or not to rob that person? No.

Yoga is just that. The word yoga comes from the word union. Where you see everything as one in your experience. The whole process of yoga is to evolve beyond the sense perception, so that you can experience the existence as one. If you experienced all people as a part of you, no one would have to teach you ethics. You would joyfully go and do what is needed.

Going Beyond Morality, Part I

Sadhguru speaks about the nature of goodness and morality in one's life. Taking this further, he explains how morals become irrelevant once a person experiences everything as a part of himself.

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Sadhguru speaks about the nature of goodness and [morality](#) in one's life. Fundamentally, anyone who you have taken in as a part of yourself does not need to be handled with any morality, whether it be a child, spouse or partner. Taking this further, Sadhguru explains how morals become irrelevant once a person experiences [everything as a part of himself](#).

Sadhguru: Being... trying to be morally good... see your... let's say your children you are good to them as far as you know how to be. Are you good to them because of morality? Because somebody has told you 'you should not kill your children' is that the reason why you are not killing them? Are you being good to your children and not killing them because somebody has told you that you must be good to your children, that is good morals? Is it so?

Participants: No.

Sadhguru: So, why are you so good to them? Why do you love them? Why not somebody else? Hum?

Participant: Because they are our children.

Sadhguru: Why are they your children?

Participant: They were born from us.

Sadhguru: Because in some way you see them as a part of yourself, isn't it? In some way you see them as a part of yourself. Though they grow up and turn your enemies sometimes, still somewhere as far as you are concerned you see them as a part of yourself, that you are able to look beyond all their nonsense, all their problems, all their everything and still reach out to them, isn't it? Simply because you see them as a part of yourself. Yes? That's all the thing is, isn't it? So, anything that you experience as a part of yourself, with that you don't need morality obviously. Isn't it so? Yes? Are you understanding what I'm saying? Because you just leave out one step and when we go there again you go back to the number one step. So, anything that you experience as a part of yourself, with that you do not need any morality. Is it so? You don't have to try to be good. Morality means you're trying to be good, isn't it? So, yoga means to experience everything as a part of yourself.

Right now, let's you gave birth to a child it could have happened to many of you, you don't know... and in the hospital they interchanged your children with somebody else. You bring this child, this was born biologically to somebody else but you believe this is yours... and you love this child any less? Your involvement with the child any less? Your DNA not there but still you love it? So, it is just your willingness to include somebody so you are capable. It is not that it has to come from your body, it is just that if you are willing it's possible, isn't it? If you are little more sensible maybe you adopted a child and love this child as much as anybody. Why you did not bear your wife or your husband, do you? They were born by somebody else and generally your husbands were born by that horrible woman called mother-in-law but you love that man, isn't it? Isn't it so? So, it is just a question of your willingness. If you are willing you can experience everything as a part of yourself. When you experience everything as a part of yourself you do not need morality. When you know the vulgarity of what is you and what is not you, only then you need morality; otherwise no morality. Why does a person who experience everybody as himself need morality? With morals you are only trying to be good; you will never become good, please see this. You can hold back your hands but you can't hold

back your mind, isn't it? Can you? You can hold back your physical body; can you hold back your mind? It goes everywhere and does everything, isn't it?

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Going Beyond Morality, Part II

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Sadhguru speaks about the nature of goodness and morality in one's life, explaining that a person becomes [good only in comparison](#) with someone else. Morality may work to keep balance in the society at times, but it will not work for individual growth and evolution. Once a person begins to recognize life as life, then there is [no need for morals](#), you know how to be.

Sadhguru: You okay for a joke? Hum? Any kind? In his previous life Shankaran Pillai was a very good man. After a brief illness he died. Being a good man, naturally he went to heaven. When he went to heaven the angels, the reception committee, welcomed him and then they opened his account book. You know, there they keep account of everything, you know that? They turned pages good deed, good deed, good deed, good deed, good deed cover to cover only good deeds. Then there was a little confusion among the angels. Then they came to Shankaran Pillai and said, 'Mr. Pillai there is a little problem.' Shankaran Pillai said, 'What is the problem?' They said, 'See we have various types of accommodation in heaven. One bad deed, highest level of heaven, sea front view. Two bad deeds next level; three bad deeds next level like this there are many levels of heaven but no bad deed, there is no such accommodation here. Till now we have never received a man like you without a single bad deed. So, we don't know what to do with you.' Shankaran Pillai said, 'What nonsense? I was such a good man in the world, nobody wanted to come anywhere near me. I just lived with the hope of going to heaven. Even here a problem? What kind of nonsense is this? Always I was told being a good man I can go to heaven. When I do a good job of it you have problem.' Then the angles met among themselves, had a discussion and then said 'Don't you worry Mr. Pillai we have found a solution. We are giving you three hours extra life. Your body is still intact anyway. You go back, just commit one bad deed. We will put you in the highest heaven; nothing lost.' And lo! he became alive here. He sat up once again. He sat here thinking how to commit a bad deed. See, he has no practice, not like you, you know; he's never committed one.

So, he sat there thinking, thinking, thinking one and a half hours passed away. Then he suddenly realized there is a woman well passed her prime in the neighborhood who has been casting inviting glances at him. He being a good man he never looked that way. Now he thought, 'Okay adultery is a bad deed,' so he went. He went to that lady's house and knocked on the door. She came and opened the door. Shankaran Pillai said 'I want you.' 'Why Mr. Pillai, they told me just yesterday evening that you are on your death bed. What is this? He said 'It doesn't matter, I want you.' He went in. Whatever he lacked in practice he made it up with his enthusiasm to go to heaven. Nature took over, things happened. Now, he looked at his time, the watch is ticking away. He doesn't want to die in her house. He wants to go back home and die. So, he is leaving in a hurry... he said, 'I need to go. I need to go' and he came to the door. The lady also came to see him off. As he was leaving the woman said, 'Mr. Pillai do you know what a good deed you have done for me today?' One more good deed, If you are too good you will neither make it here nor there because your goodness is always coming in comparing yourself with somebody or something, isn't it?

How do you certify yourself 'I am a good man' you look at this one, 'He is not okay, she is not okay, she is not okay, he is not okay. Compared to all those people I am a good man,' isn't it? If you want to be really good you have to make everybody in the world not okay, please see. Those people who think they are very good in their minds, nobody is okay. Isn't it so? Have you noticed this? If nobody is okay in the world it is not a question of goodness, it just means you are sick in your head; that's what it means. Yes or no? If nobody in the world is okay what does it mean? You know one of the things that your psychiatric or psychologist will tell you is if you start thinking everybody is not okay that means you're heading for insanity? Yes? Because it is madness and your goodness is just a kind of madness. Maybe it's needed to keep some balance in the society sometimes but not for your evolution. Your morality will not evolve you. If you begin to recognize life as life then you will see as life you respond to life and you don't need morals, you know how to be. You will never cross any lines because there are no lines but at the same time you are simply incapable of doing anything harmful, that's all. You are not holding back, you are not controlling because somebody told you, 'This is the way you must be. You should not do that, you should not do this,' the very way you are there is no question of harm; it doesn't exist in you. Effortlessly you can be good. Right now, with great difficulty you are being good, isn't it? And if you're too good even in heaven they will reject you.

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